

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 12 as follows:

Accordingly, the present invention relates to a melanocyte-stimulating hormone inhibitory composition which comprises, as the active ingredient, a compound having an inhibitory activity of melanocyte-stimulating hormone, the said compound showing a 50% inhibitory concentration of cAMP (cyclic adenosine 3',5'-monophosphate) production (IC<sub>50</sub>) of 100 nM or less.